

# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management

## Texas State Operations Center

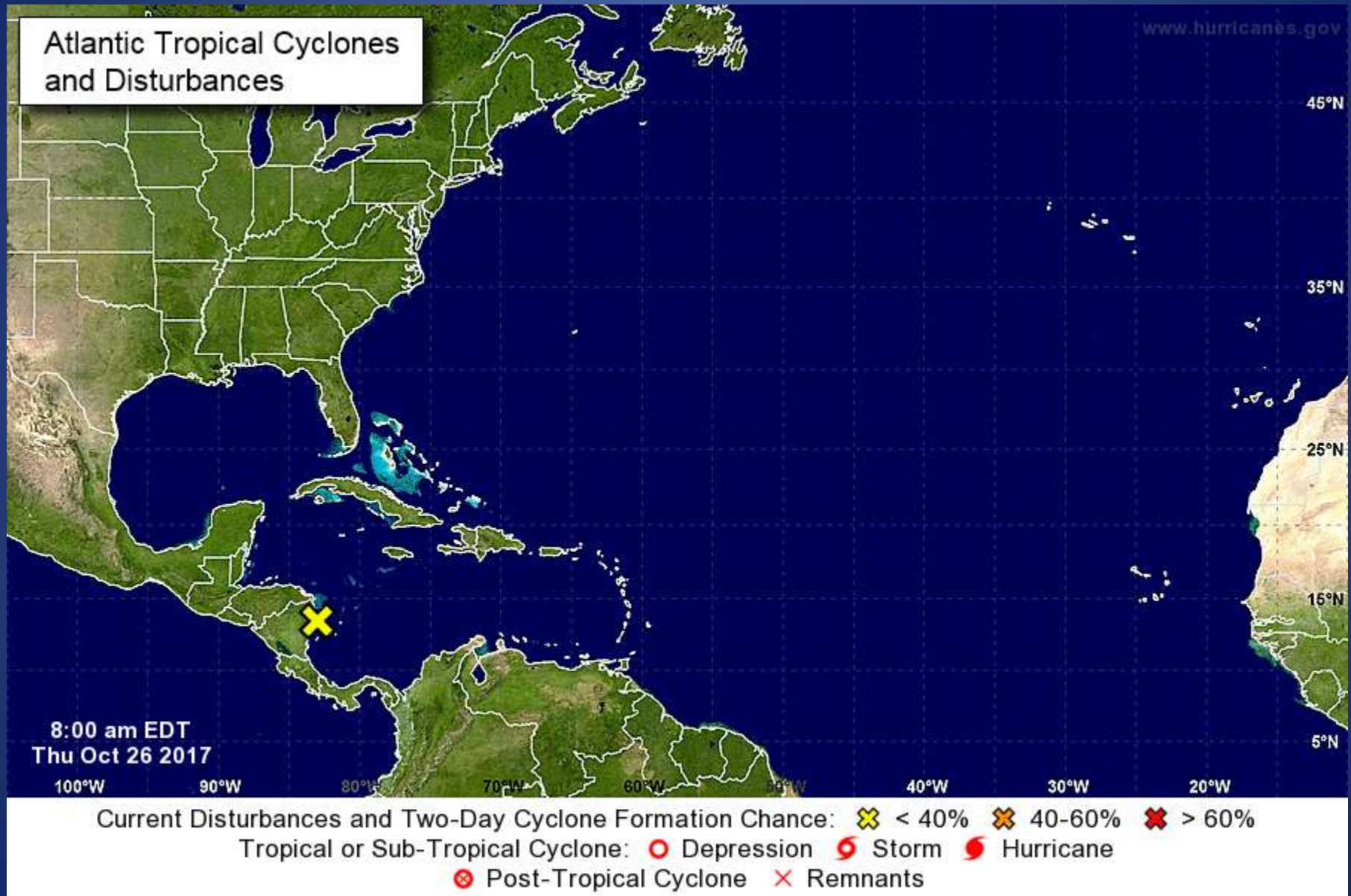


### Situation Awareness Brief



Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2017  
As of 0900 CST

# Tropical Weather Awareness



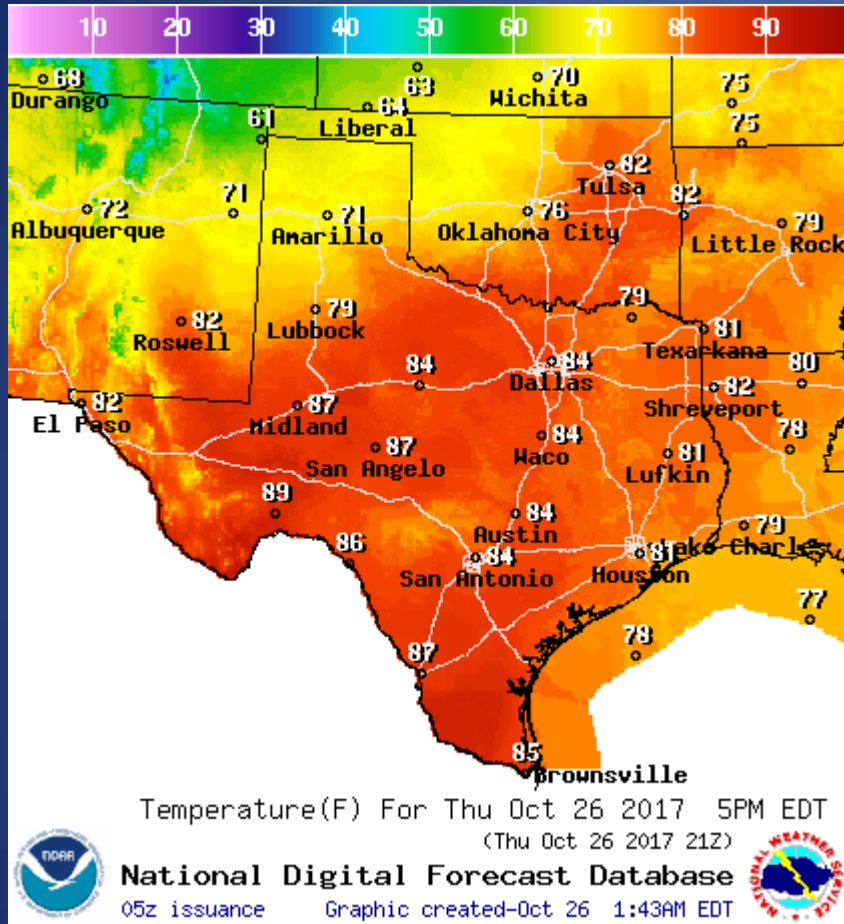
# Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	EVENT / INCIDENT	LOCATION (City/County)	Final Report: Y/N
10/25/17	Initial Report of a Communications Outage	DeWitt County	N
10/25/17	AMBER Alert Activation for the Rio Hondo Independent School District Police Department	Cameron County	N
10/26/17	AMBER Alert Discontinuation for the Rio Hondo Independent School District Police Department	Cameron County	Y

## Informational Products Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
10/25/17	Update #22 Harvey Debris Mitigation

# Weather Forecast

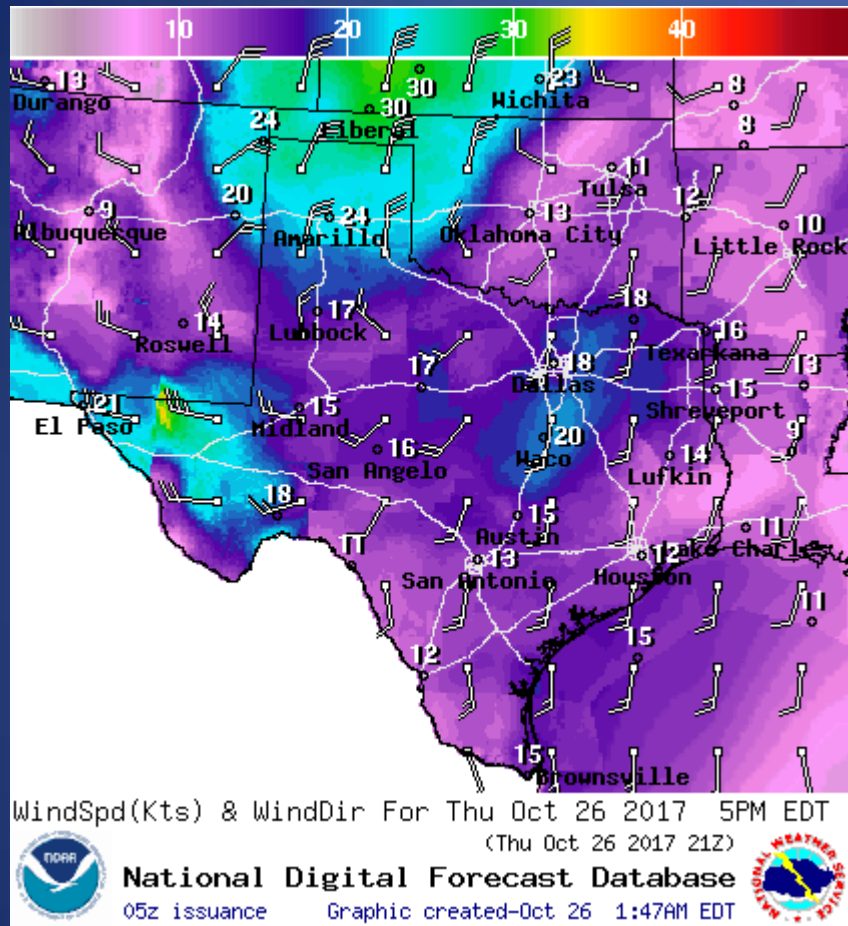


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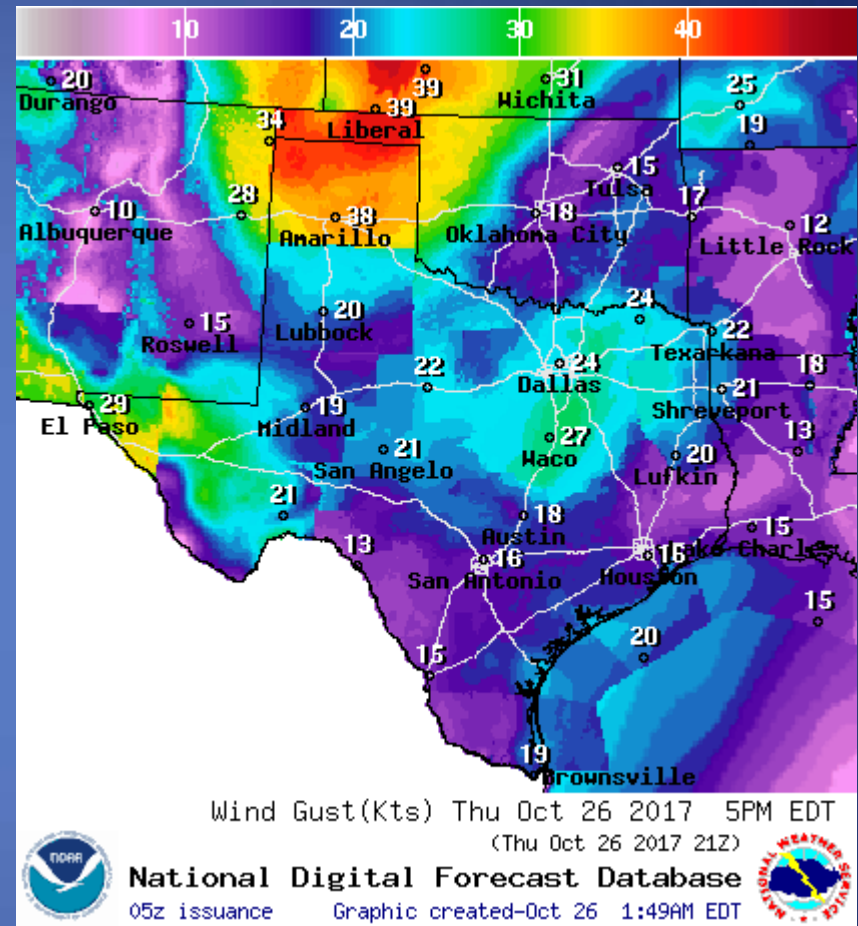


## Lows

# Weather Forecast



## Wind Speeds



## Gusts

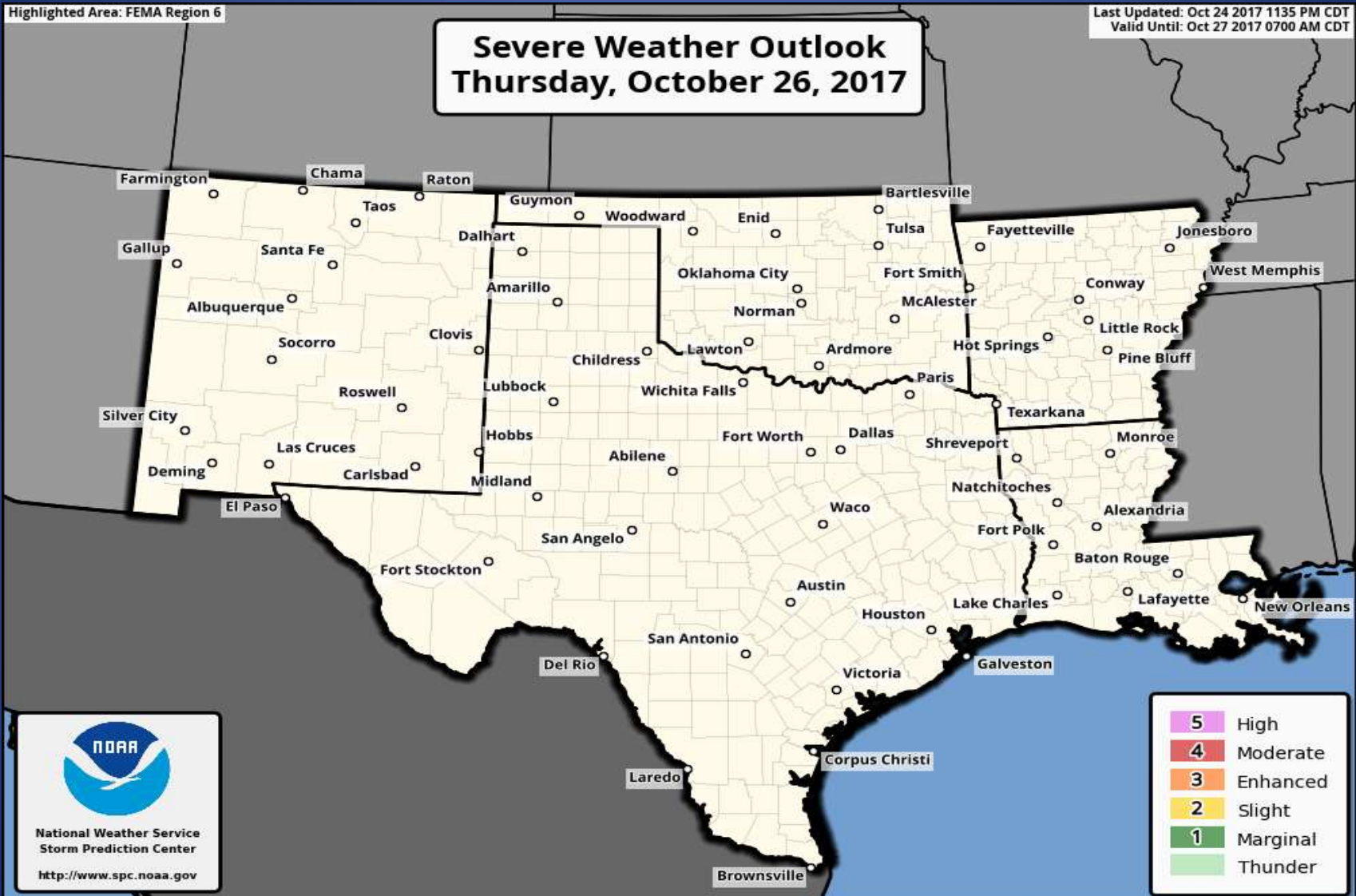
# Hazardous Weather

**Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6**

**Last Updated:** Oct 24 2017 1135 PM CDT  
**Valid Until:** Oct 27 2017 0700 AM CDT

# Severe Weather Outlook

## Thursday, October 26, 2017



# Hazardous Weather



## Warm and breezy today. **Elevated Fire Weather Threat.**

National Weather Service Fort Worth

- It'll be a much warmer day across the region ahead of our strong cold front.
- Highs will be in the 80s and even lower 90s!
- Breezy south-southwest winds of 15-20 mph are expected.
- The combination of hot temperatures, strong winds, and dry air will create an **elevated fire weather threat today.**
- Exercise care if outdoor activities carry a potential for fire ignition.



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514 AM CDT  
Thu Oct 26 2017  
National Weather Service  
Fort Worth, TX

It will be a warm day across the region ahead of our much anticipated strong cold front. Temperatures will warm into the 80s and even lower 90s. Strong south to southwesterly winds of 15 to 20 mph are also anticipated, and will combine with the dry air mass and warm temperatures to result in an elevated fire weather threat this afternoon across all of North and Central Texas. Great care is urged today if any outdoor activities carry a potential for fire ignition, as any grass fires that start will have the potential to grow quickly.



## Wind Advisory Behind Tonight's Cold Front

WINDY

National Weather Service Fort Worth

North winds sustained 20-30 mph with gusts up to 40 mph possible in the Advisory area (highlighted brown color on the map) starting late this evening and into Friday morning.

Elsewhere, 15-25 mph with higher gusts during the overnight period.

Advisory may have to be expanded into parts of Central Texas for Friday.

Secure loose and lightweight outdoor objects! Driving may be difficult for high profile vehicles on E-W roads.



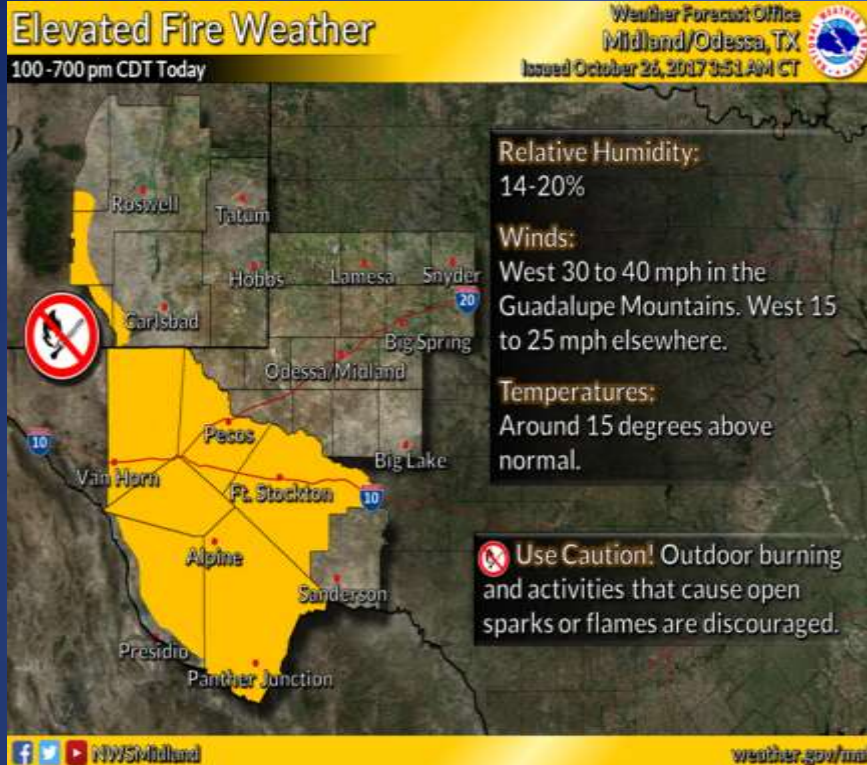
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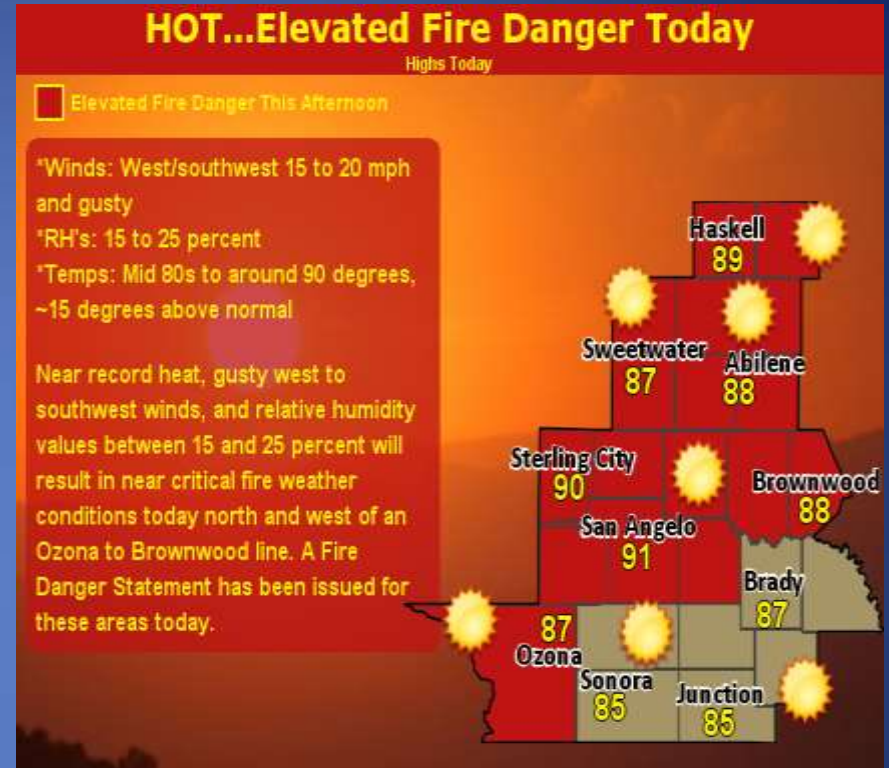
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National Weather Service  
Fort Worth, TX

A strong cold front will sweep across the region this evening and tonight with strong north winds and quickly dropping temperatures. North winds of 20-30 mph with gusts up to 40 mph will occur over a large portion of North and Central Texas late tonight through Friday morning. This Advisory may have to be expanding into Central Texas for Friday. Elsewhere, winds will still be strong at 15-25 mph with higher gusts. Secure loose and lightweight outdoor objects! Driving may be difficult tonight and Friday on east-west routes, especially for high profile vehicles.

# Hazardous Weather



Elevated fire weather conditions are expected this afternoon for areas south and west of the Pecos River.



# Hazardous Weather

## Freeze Watch

National Weather Service – Lubbock, Texas

Counties included in the Watch shaded in blue



- A Freeze Watch means that sub-freezing temperatures are likely.

[www.weather.gov/lubbock](http://www.weather.gov/lubbock)

### Timing

- Late Friday night and Saturday morning

### Preparations you can make now

- Check your home insulation, consider covers for outdoor faucets
- Check your vehicle's battery
- Cover any sensitive plants or bring inside if possible

## High Wind Warning

1200 AM MDT – 900 AM MDT Friday

Weather Forecast Office  
Midland/Odessa TX

Issued October 26, 2017 2:58 AM CDT



### Where...

+ Guadalupe Pass

### Wind Speed and Direction...

+ Northeast 40 to 50 mph with gusts up to 60 mph.

### Impacts...

- + Winds could make for difficult driving conditions.
- + Motorists driving high profile vehicles such as campers, vans and tractor trailers should exercise caution.

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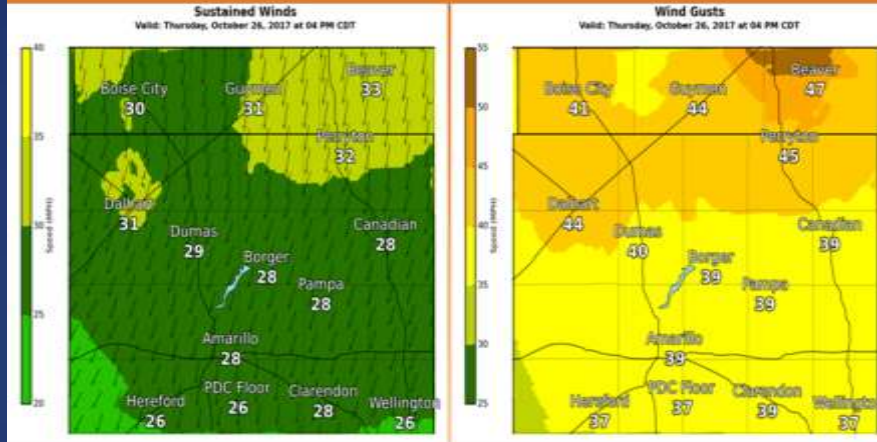
Temperatures are expected to drop below freezing late Friday night across the entire South Plains area. A Freeze Watch is in effect for midnight to 10 am Saturday morning.

A High Wind Warning is in effect for Guadalupe Pass from midnight tonight to 9 am MDT.

# Hazardous Weather

## Hold Onto Your Hats!

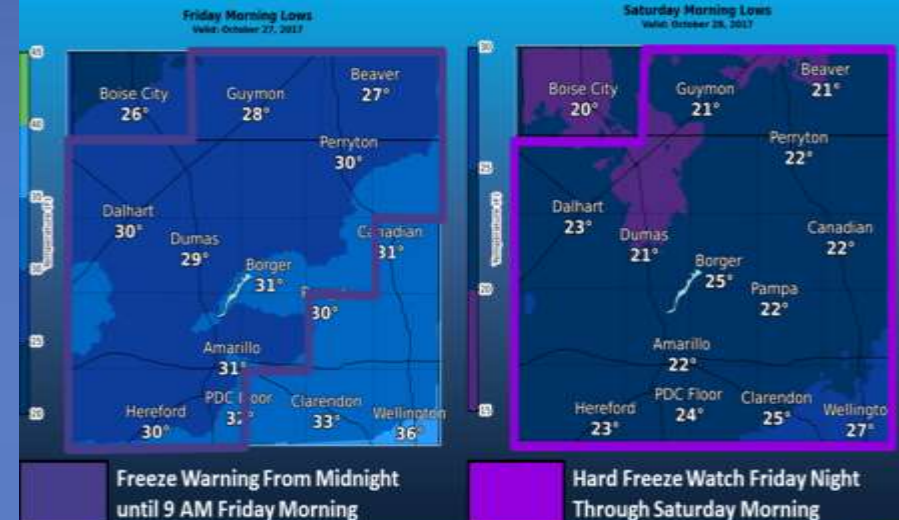
Strong cold front moving through the Panhandles this morning will bring much stronger winds by this afternoon. Gusts up to 50 mph possible.



 **National Weather Service - Amarillo**  
Issued: 10/26/2017 3:40 AM

Our long awaited cold front will be pushing across the Panhandles Today. Behind the front, our winds will ramp into the 25 to 35 mph range with gusts up to 50 mph possible.

## Cold Mornings On The Way!



 **National Weather Service - Amarillo**  
Issued: 10/26/2017 3:40 AM

Cold and colder. That is the story of our morning lows Friday and Saturday. A sizable portion of the Panhandles will see freezing temperatures Friday morning with the whole area experiencing a Hard Freeze (temperatures lower than 28 degrees F) Saturday morning. A Freeze Warning has been issued for Friday morning while a Hard Freeze Watch remains in effect for Saturday morning. Protect your potted plants and pets by bringing them inside.

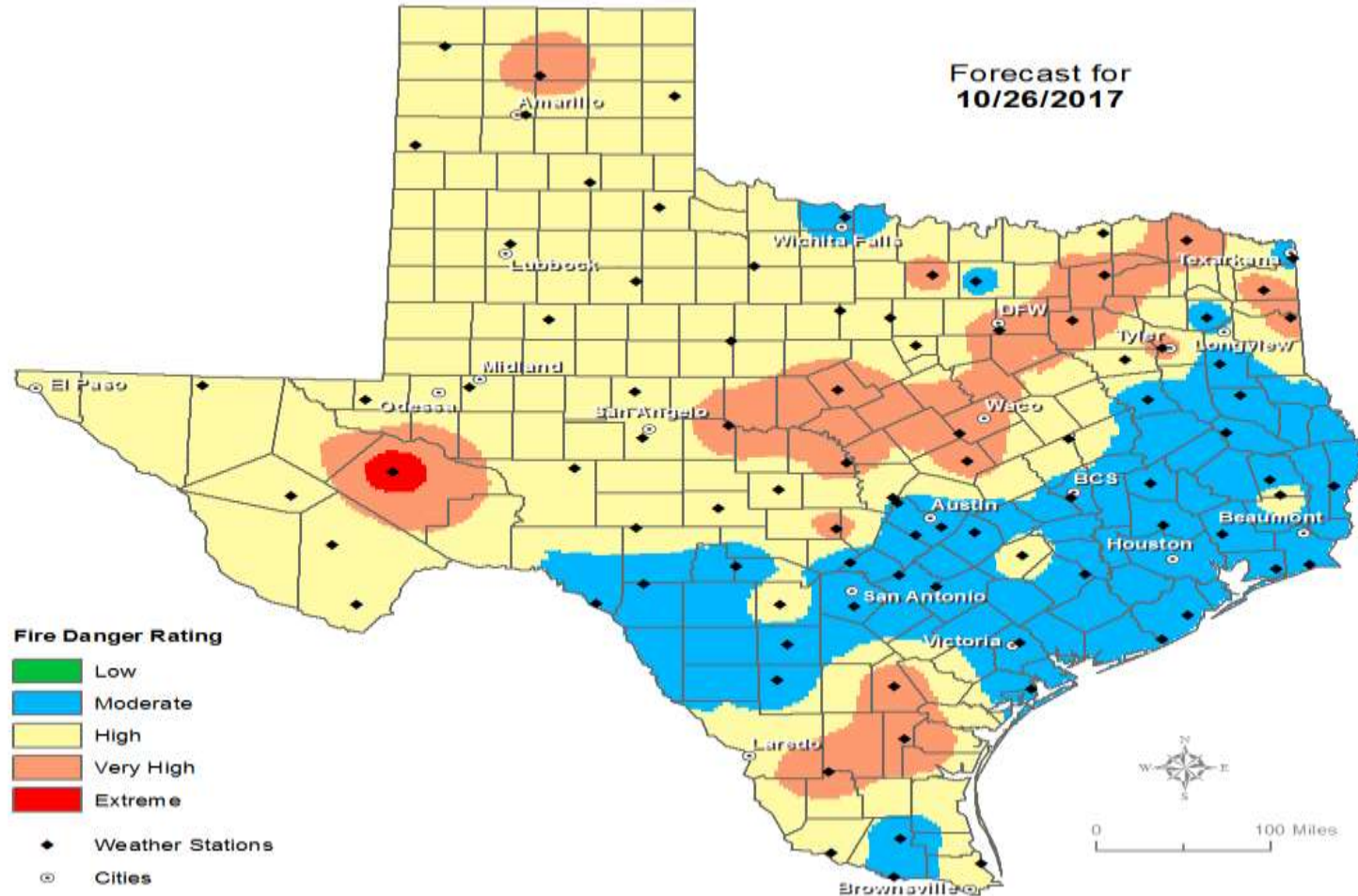
# Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
10/26/17	High Wind Warning	Guadalupe Mountains affecting Culberson County
10/26/17	Freeze Warning Remains in Effect	Carson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts and Sherman Counties

# Fire Danger Forecast

## Forecast Fire Danger

Forecast for  
10/26/2017



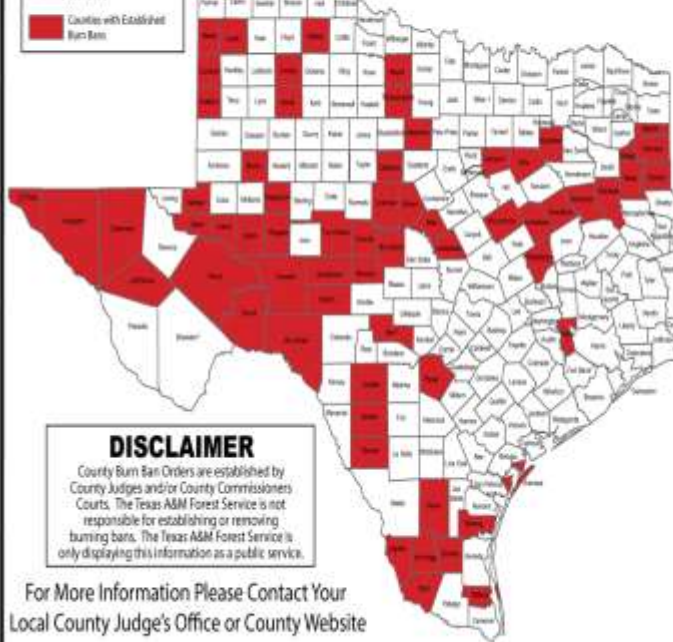
# Burn Bans and KBDI INDEX

## OUTDOOR BURN BANS

October 26, 2017



Email updates to:  
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu



### DISCLAIMER

County Burn Ban Orders are established by County Judges and/or County Commissioners Courts. The Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. The Texas A&M Forest Service is only displaying this information as a public service.

For More Information Please Contact Your  
Local County Judge's Office or County Website

RED FLAG WARNINGS: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)  
Burn Ban RSS feed available at <http://tfsfp.tamu.edu/wildfires/BurnBan.xml>

### Counties with Burn Bans: 64

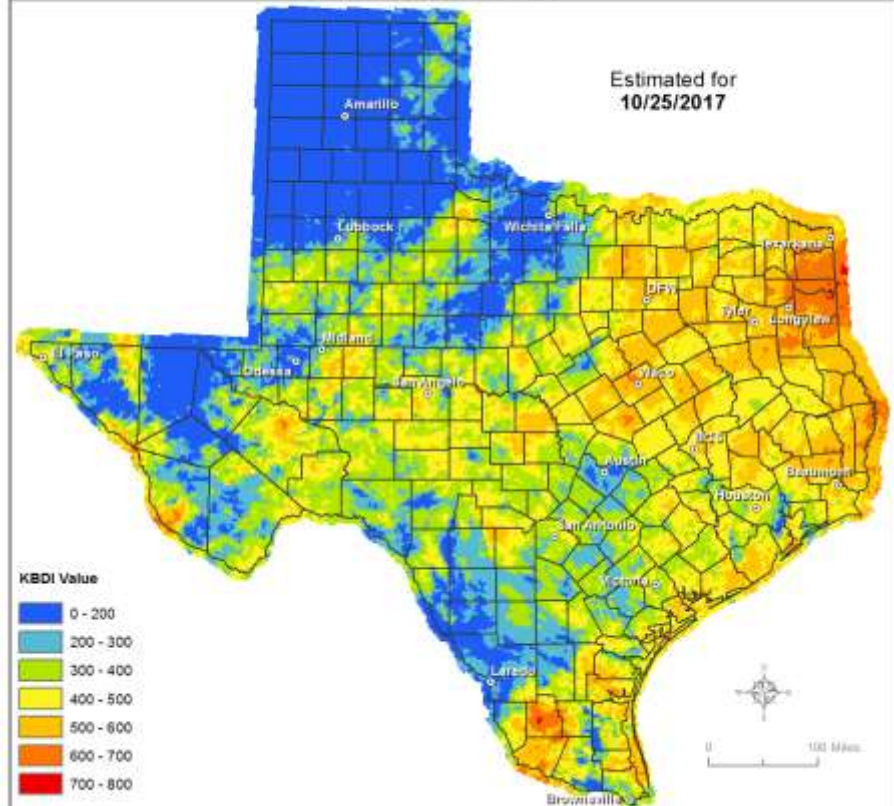
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## Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for  
10/25/2017



KBDI Value  
0 - 200  
200 - 300  
300 - 400  
400 - 500  
500 - 600  
600 - 700  
700 - 800

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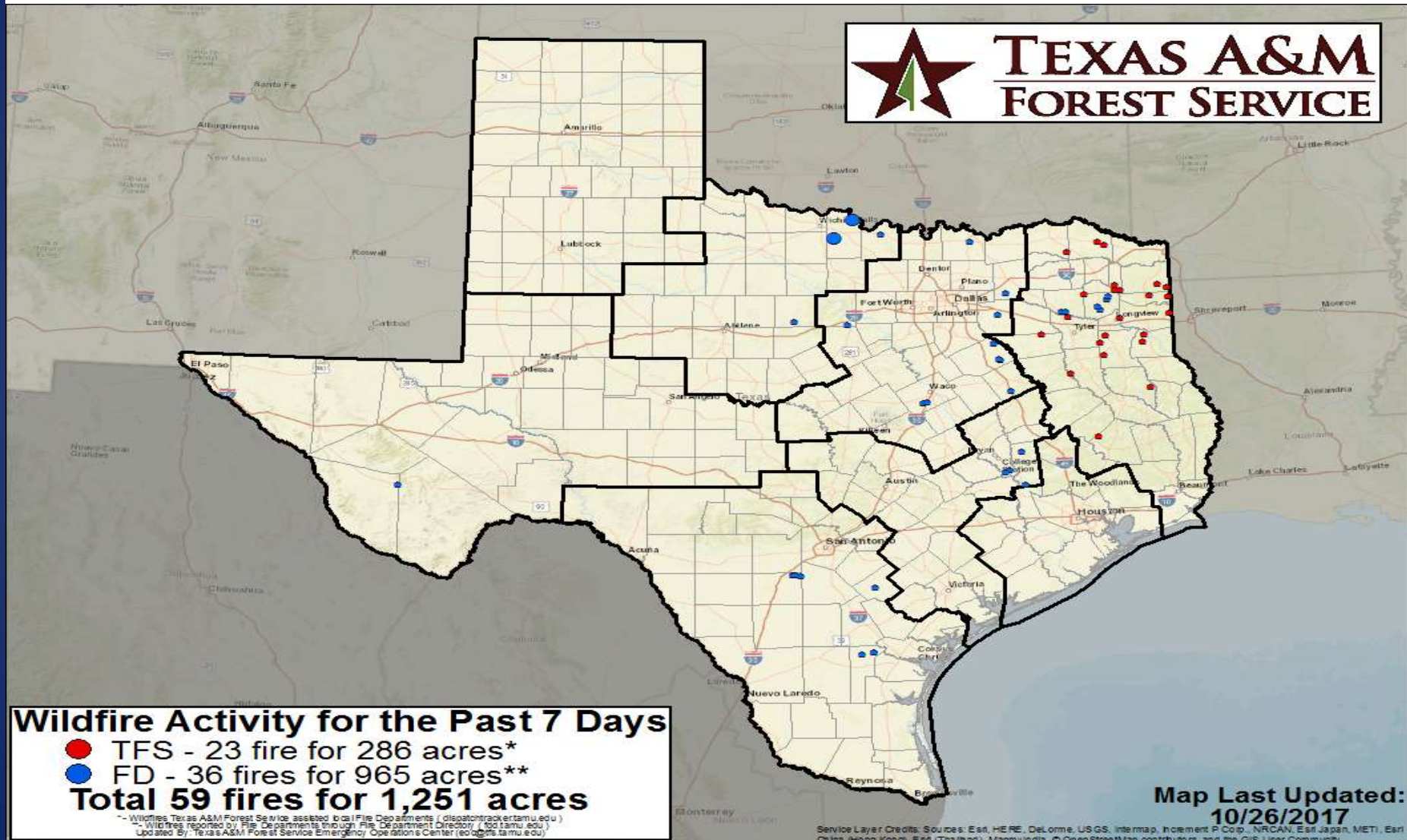
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# Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
10/26/17	Fire Danger Statement	Guadalupe and Davis Mountains, Van Horn and the Highway 54 Corridor, Marfa Plateau, Reeves County, Pecos County and Brewster County; Kleberg County; Nueces County
10/26/17	Grass Fire Danger Statement	Anderson, Bell, Bosque, Collin, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Freestone, Grayson, Hamilton, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Hunt, Jack, Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Lampasas, Leon, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Montague, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rains, Robertson, Rockwall, Somervell, Stephens, Tarrant, Van Zandt, Wise and Young Counties

# Fire Activity (\*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 677 (+13) fires and 657,684 (+172) acres destroyed this year. There are 64 (+1) counties with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list 105 (+4) counties with an average over 400.



# Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
10/21/17	11/18/17	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	G-317	San Marcos
10/23/17	10/26/17	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief Train-the-Trainer	E/L-963	Austin
10/23/17	10/26/17	WMD Radiological/Nuclear Course for HazMat Technicians	PER-241	Las Vegas, NV
10/23/17	10/27/17	OEC All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT)	COMT	Denton
10/23/17	11/03/17	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	H-500	Rosenberg
10/24/17	12/14/17	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT Course	G-317	Laredo
10/25/17	10/26/17	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	L-146	El Paso
10/25/17	10/26/17	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	G-400	Cuero

# Statewide Significant Events

DATE(S)		LOCATION	EVENT
09/29/17	10/31/17	Lubbock	Nightmare on 19 <sup>th</sup> St.